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11. Ambassador spoke to FM Moratinos the morning of July 23 and conveyed our deep concerns about Venezuela. He asked Moratinos to remind the GOV of its commitments under the Inter-American Charter, with particular emphasis on the civil and political rights of Venezuelans. Moratinos told Ambassador that Spain shared our concerns and that the talking points addressing those issues were already prepared for the GOS principals that would engage with Chavez during his July 24-25 visit.

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